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SUBJ: MEDIA REPORT ON REP. WAYNE HAYS 1975 VISIT TO OSLO

1. OSLO DAILY DAGBLADET REPORTED JULY 9 THAT CONGRESSMAN HAYS REQUISITIONED A MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO FLY HIM FROM OSLO TO COPENHAGEN DURING VISIT HERE LAST NOVEMBER.

2. FOLLOWING IS ARTICLE TEXT UNDER HEADLINE: ""HAYS' SCANDAL ALSO IN NORWAY?":

3. LEAD - "CONGRESSMAN WAYNE HAYS WHO BECAME FAMOUS WHEN HIS SECRETARY ELIZABETH RAY DISCLOSED THAT SHE HAD BEEN ON THE PAYROLL AS THE CONGRESSMAN'S SEXMATE, IS NOT INVESTIGATED BY THE AMERICAN POLICE FOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A VISIT TO OSLO LAST YEAR...THE BUSY POLITICIAN DID NOT HAVE TIME TO GO BY COMMERCIAL AIR TO COPENHAGEN AND THEREFORE ORDERED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HERE TO REQUISITION A MILITARY PLANE FROM BRUSSELS TO FLY HIM THERE FROM OSLO. FBI IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE LARGE EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION WITH HAYS' FOREIGN TRAVELS LAST YEAR."

4. STORY "THE AMERICAN CONGRESSMAN WHO ACHIEVED NOTORIETY BECAUSE OF HIS HIRING A FULLTIME SEXMATE ALSO GOT INTO SOME CONTROVERSIES IN OSLO. COMING HERE ON NOVEMBER 23 LAST FALL FROM LONDON HE WAS VERY DISTURBED OVER A 15 MINUTE DELAY OF THE PLANE. BEFORE GOING TO COPENHAGEN TWO DAYS LATER, HE THEREFORE DEMANDED THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN OSLO PLACE A MILITARY PLANE AT HIS DISPOSAL.

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5. "THE PLANE WAS BROUGHT HERE FROM BRUSSELS TO CARRY THE

BUSY CONGRESSMAN FROM OSLO TO COPENHAGEN - A STRETCH FREQUENTLY COVERED BY REGULAR FLIGHTS. THE FBI IS NOW LOOKING INTO HAYS' EXPENDITURES ON LAST YEAR'S FOREIGN TRIPS. ALL TOLD, HE HEADED EIGHT DELEGATIONS ABROAD, THREE OF THEM HARDLY CONNECTED WITH HIS OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS.

6. "THE PURPOSE OF THE FBI INVESTIGATIONS IS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER HAYS REQUESTED TOO MUCH MONEY FROM AMERICAN EMBASSIES ABROAD IN CONNECTION WITH HIS TRAVELS. IT HAS ALREADY BEEN DISCLOSED THAT HE RECEIVED 25,000 DANISH KRONER AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN COPENHAGEN TO COVER UNSPECIFIED DELEGATION EXPENSES. THIS HAPPENED AFTER EACH OF THE 19 MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION HAD RECEIVED 3500 DANISH KRONER TO COVER INDIVIDUAL EXPENSES, IN ADDITION TO \$25,000 FOR GENERAL EXPENSES.

7 "DURING HIS VISIT TO OSLO, HAYS HAD TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KNUT FRYDENLUND AND A LUNCHEON WITH SOME MPS. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN OSLO IS NOT WILLING TO DISCLOSE WHETHER HAYS RECEIVED ANY MONEY HERE, BUT IT CONFIRMS THAT HE DEPARTED IN A MILITARY PLANE ON NOVEMBER 25 LAST YEAR.

8. "HOWEVER, HAYS DID RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$2000 FROM THE EMBASSIES IN LONDON, BRUSSELS AND PARIS TO COVER UNSPECIFIED REPRESENTATION EXPENSES. ACCORDING TO A STORY IN TIME MAGAZINE, HAYS USED SOME OF THIS MONEY TO BUY ANTIQUES, PAINTINGS AND PERSIAN RUGS, CHARGING THE BILLS TO REPRESENTATION. THIS HAS BEEN DENIED BY HAYS' SPOKESMAN, WHO SAYS HE BOUGHT IT FOR HIS OWN MONEY."

9. COMMENT: IN REPLY TO DIRECT QUESTIONS FROM DAGBLADET EMBASSY CONFIRMED THAT CONGRESSMAN HAYS ARRIVED OSLO NOVEMBER 23 VIA COMMERCIAL AIR, AND DEPARTED NOVEMBER 25 VIA U.S. MILITARY AIR, BUT REFUSED TO GO BEYOND THIS CONFIRMATION. WE WILL REFER ALL FURTHER QUERIES TO WASHINGTON.
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